

The Harbour Commissioners' returns in the following table, while somewhat below last year's figures, show that the tonnage was greater than in any year before 1893, and that the number of sea-going vessels was about the average of the five years 1889 to 1893.

YEARS.	Sea-going Vessels arrived in Port.	Total Tonnage.	Value of Merchandise Exported.	Value of Merchandise Imported.	Customs Duties Collected.
1894.....	734	1,096,909	\$40,710,700	\$42,514,597	\$6,088,412.56
1893.....	804	1,151,777	48,205,531	53,796,061	7,038,403.51
1892.....	735	1,036,707	43,648,310	47,667,408	6,812,063.60
1891.....	725	938,657	39,464,783	48,418,569	7,297,228.51
1890.....	746	930,332	32,027,176	44,102,786	9,201,426.86
1889.....	695	823,165	32,638,270	47,191,888	9,371,981.91
1888.....	655	782,473	24,049,638	39,865,527	8,778,291.32
1887.....	767	870,773	29,391,798	43,100,183	8,745,526.11
1886.....	703	809,699	28,078,430	40,469,912	8,362,618.94
1885.....	629	683,854	25,274,898	37,413,250	6,672,971.26
1884.....	626	649,374	27,145,427	42,366,793	6,772,675.63
1883.....	660	664,263	27,277,159	43,718,549	7,698,791.12
1882.....	648	554,692	26,334,312	49,749,461	8,395,654.07
1881.....	569	931,929	26,561,188	43,546,821	7,672,266.17
1880.....	710	628,271	30,224,904	37,102,869	5,231,783.80
1879.....	211	46,156	1,744,772	7,174,108	1,009,256.80

#### THE HARBOUR.

The instruction of the annual meeting of 1894 to press the Government to grant financial aid to the harbour has been kept in view by the Council, and action in that direction taken through the President. Circumstances, however, made it inexpedient for the Harbour Commissioners to negotiate a further loan from the Government during the past year, but the Council maintains its conviction that Montreal has a just claim upon the Government for financial assistance in the works now in progress for harbour enlargement, and also for the refund of the million dollars paid to the Government in time past on account of Dominion works in the River St. Lawrence, not connected with Montreal harbour.

It becoming evident in the early summer that there was a disposition on the part of a small section of the public and some members of the Harbour Board to favour the present erection of works not included in Plan No. 6, long since adopted and now partially completed, the Council unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

"That the Council hereby approves and endorses the action taken by its Representative on the Harbour Commission (Mr. Hugh McLennan) and its President (Mr. W. W. Ogilvie), in urging that the Harbour Commissioners carry to completion Plan No. 6 before any new works in connection with the harbour be commenced."